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To be used yearly on the  
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For the Dreadful Fire of



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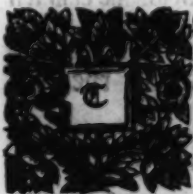
Tho. Cantuar.  
LONDON

**A FORM of PRAYER to be  
Used Yearly on the Second  
of September, for the dreadful  
Fire of London.**

The Service shall be the same with the usual  
Office for Holy-days in all things, ex-  
cept where it is hereafter otherwise ap-  
pointed.

**The Order for Morning Prayer.**

¶ Let him that Ministreth read with a loud voice these  
Sentences of Scripture.



**C** O the Lord our God belong mer-  
cies and forgivenesses, though  
we have rebelled against him:  
neither have we obeyed the voice  
of the Lord our God, to walk in  
his Laws which he set before  
us.

Dan. 9.  
9, 10.

**O** Lord, correct us, but with judgment: not  
not in thine anger, lest thou bring us to no-  
thing.

Jer. 10. 24.

Instead of *Venite, exultemus*, shall be used this Hymn following; one Verse by the Priest, and another by the Clerk and People.

Psal. 119.

117.

106. 6.

117. 9.

109. 4.

90. 13.

103. 9.

11.

Job 5. 18.

Jer. 24. 6.

& 33. 7.

Psal. 107. 31.

12.

43.

**R**ighteous art thou, O Lord: and just are thy judgments.

We had sinned with our Fathers: we had done amiss, and dealt wickedly.

Therefore wilt thou make us like a fiery oven in time of thy wrath: the Lord did destroy us in his displeasure, and the fire did consume us.

We became a reproach to our enemies: they that looked upon us, shook their heads at us.

But thou wilt turn thee again at the last: and hast been gracious unto thy servants.

For the Lord will not alway be chiding: neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

Look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth: so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

He maketh sore, and he bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

He hath set his eyes upon us for good: and built us again as at the first.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare his wonders that he doth for the children of men.

That they would exalt him in the Congregation of the people: and praise him in the feast of the Elders.

Whoso is wise will ponder these things: and they shall understand the loving kindness of the Lord.

Glorify be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

Proper Psalms. XI. XXV. LXXXVI.

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The first Lesson is, *Nehemiah* the Second, or *Galat* the first chapter.

¶ After the first Lesson shall follow *Te Deum laudamus*, in English.

The Second Lesson is, *S. Luke* 21.

¶ After the Second Lesson shall follow *Benedictus* in English.

¶ In stead of the first Collect at Morning Prayer, shall be used the Collect for *Ashe-Wednesday*.

¶ After the Litany ( which is always to be used on this day ) the Priest and Clerk, or he that ministers ( still kneeling in the place where they are accustomed to say or sing the Litany ) shall there repeat *Psal.* 51. And then shall be used the Suffrages, and Prayers ( all but the last ) immediately following the *Communion*.

**L**ook down, O Lord, in the bowels of thy mercy, upon the sorrows and distresses of thy servants; who in the deepest sense of thy amazing judgments, and our manifold provocations, lie prostrate in the dust before thee.

To thee, O God, holy and true, belong mercy and forgiveness; but unto thy people confusion of face, as it is this day; for we have resisted thy judgments, and abused thy mercies; we have despised thy chastisements; and turned thy grace into wantonness.

What shall we then say unto thee, O thou preserver of men? thou didst find out the iniquity of thy servants, and punish them with a vengeance answerable to their grievous and crying sins. Pride, Oppression, and Fulness of Bread had

had made this Place like unto Sodom, and thou didst afflict it as Gomorha.

We acknowledge, O Lord, thy Justice in all thy Proceedings, and the iniquity of our own ways: Yet behold we are all thy people, though hitherto too unthankful and disobedient: Suffer us therefore to implore thy pity, and the sounding of thy bowels; and for thy Names sake, and for thy mercies sake, for Christ Jesus sake, incline thine ear to us, and save us.

Above all, we beseech thee, abandon us not to our selves; but by what method soever it shall please thee to reduce us; though to this bitter Cup of trembling thou shouldst add more and more grievous afflictions; yet by any, though the severest course, subdue us unto thy self, and make us see the things belonging to our peace, before they be hid from our eyes: that being duly humbled under thy mighty hand, we may be capable of being relieved and exalted in thy due time, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ In the Communion-Service, instead of the Collect for the day, shall be used the Collect for *Ash-Wednesday*.

The Epistle, 1 Cor. 10. ver. 1. to 14.

The Gospel, S. Luke 13. to ver. 11. or, 17. ver. 26.

¶ After the Sermon shall follow these Sentences.

S. Matt. 7.  
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Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorifie your Father which is in heaven.

Psal. 41. 1.

Blessed be the man that provideth for the sick and needy: the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

¶ After

¶ After the Prayer [For the whole State of Christs Church, &c.] these two Collects shall be used.

**W**E bless and magnifie thy Name, O Lord, for the great mercy thou didst vouchsafe us in the midst of thy just and dreadful judgments. It was of thy goodness that we were not consumed; That when we had provoked thee to give us all up to utter ruine and desolation, and thy hand was stretched out to execute thy whole displeasure upon us; yet thou didst preserve a remnant, and pluck us as a brand out of the fire, that we should not utterly perish in our sins. We beseech thee, by thy mighty convincing Spirit, to awaken our Consciences, and to soften our hearts, that so being humbled by thy chastisements, we may by thy goodness be led to repentance, and sin no more, lest a worse thing happen unto us. Give us all grace so faithfully to improve this wonderful dispensation of thy Providence, that thy Name may be glorified, thy people edified, and their souls saved in the day of the Lord; Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christs sake our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

**O** Almighty Lord God, thou governest all things in Heaven and Earth. Thou commandest the flames, and all the powers of the creation, and they obey thee. They become thy dreadful scourges, whensoever thou art pleased by them to correct a wicked People; but when thou causest thy severity to give place to thy tender compassion, thou sayest unto them, hitherto shall ye go, and no further, and they hear thy voice. Except thou keepest the City, the Watchman



than others, but in vain. They shall  
 whom thou protectest: till thou shalt  
 command this Place to the eternal  
 to haunt the Defender of all them that  
 and in thy faith, and trust in thy  
 27. Grant the people grace to let  
 ferments upon the last night of  
 solemn Memorial in this day makes  
 them thankful hearts to thee, and  
 hand; smite them down; but still  
 gain. Restore them a true sense of  
 iniquities which are the cause of  
 judgments. Restrain us by thy  
 from any new provocations, which  
 thy wrath, stretch, and cause it  
 had brought us to utter ruin. Pre-  
 City from the Rage of fire, and  
 effects of thy heavy displeasure,  
 violence of evil-minded men. Hide  
 tants thereof under the shadow  
 make them thy faithful people;  
 be always thy gracious father,  
 Deliverer, through Jesus Christ  
 and Advocate. Amen.